Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government will be in a position to tell us what exactly would come under the "Scheduled castes" mentioned here in sub-section (a).

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is with regard to the Government of India Resolution. The "Scheduled castes" referred to is in the Government of India Resolution.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know who are the "Scheduled castes" to whom concessions are mentioned there?

Mr. President: I will answer. The reference is to the castes enumerated in the schedule of the Government of India Act, 1935.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased in the light of the answer to place on the table a copy of the list of the scheduled castes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is in the library.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: May I know the number of appointments made in 1118 till now above Rs. 100?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether there are in existence in the Cochin State communities which are equated with the scheduled castes whose names are published in the schedule to the Government of India Act?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There will be some.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will the Government be in a position to give us at least one sample?

Mr. President: Order, order. If the hon'ble member wishes to obtain information he should give notice of the question. It is hardly fair on the members of Government at the spur of the moment to ask for such information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In deference to the wishes of the Chair I will be more considerate towards them.

HANDS APPOINTED IN THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

47. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that some hands are grafted on to the Supply Department to relieve them of the contingency of forfeiting their office in the place where they were before;

(*b*) whether there are not hands in the Supply Department now who were on the brink of being recommended for dismissal from their previous posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, ERNAKULAM—APPLICATION FOR LEAVE

48. മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മായിൽ ഹാജി ഈസ്സാ സേട്ട്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) എറണാകുളം മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ ജോലിചെയ്യുന്ന കമ്മീഷണർ അവധിക്കു വല്ല അപേക്ഷയും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അയാൾ എത്രകാലത്തേക്കാണു്;

(സി) അപേക്ഷപ്രകാരം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും അവധി അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു:

(എ) ഉവ്വു്.

(ബി) രണ്ടുമാസത്തേക്കു്.

(സി) ഇല്ല.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTIES SOLD IN COURT AUCTION FOR DECREES OF Rs. 20,000 & OVER

49. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഫ്രാങ്ക് ഉടമ്പടി പ്രകാരം കൊല്ലങ്ങളിലായി ഇരുപതിനായിരമോ അധികമോ ഉറുപ്പികക്കുള്ള വിധികടത്തിനു കോടതികൾ മുഖേന നടന്നിട്ടുള്ള വസ്തുവില്പനകളുടെ എണ്ണം പറയാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

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APPOINTMENTS IN THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

50. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) who is the appointing authority to the Supply Department;

(*b*) whether hands in other departments before being ordered to the Supply Department are reasonably enquired of as to their capacity and merits;

(*c*) whether the Departmental Heads or immediate superiors under whom the persons concerned were working previously are consulted before the hands are recruited to the Supply Department?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) In the case of the appointments to the Superior Service, the Government on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board is the appointing authority. In the case of inferior servants, the power of appointment rests with the Director of Food Supplies.

(*b*) Yes, as far as possible.

(*c*) Yes, as far as possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether two months back a certain hand has not been taken from the Office of the Diwan Peishkar to the Supply Department?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS—NULLIFICATION OF—BY THE DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES

51. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they are actually aware of the practice now existing of Government orders being nullified by the Director of Food Supplies by his oral and written instructions in his executive capacity in many instances?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether there was a Gazette notification empowering the Assistant Supply Officers to issue permits for the transport of paddy from taluk to taluk?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know further whether it was in fact permits were issued by the Supply Officers or the applications forwarded to the Director of Food Supplies, before they are issued?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In the case of transport of rice, the Assistant Supply Officer was asked not to exercise that power except in urgent cases.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know, Sir, whether this was not communicated to the public in any manner?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It was not.

RATION CARDS—CHECKING OF

52. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) if the ration cards have been thoroughly checked recently and by whom;

(*b*) if the checking staff have been authorised to increase or decrease the ration according to births or deaths as the case may be in each case concerned?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: (*a*) Yes; By the teachers of the Aided and Government Schools and Field Officers.

(*b*) The teachers were instructed to reduce the ration, if there was a reduction in the number of members. Instances in which an increased ration was found necessary were dealt with by the officers of this department on the reports made by the teachers.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know the reason why the teachers were not instructed to increase the ration?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: As regards the increase of the ration, we thought a further enquiry is necessary. So, they were not authorised.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ചെക്കുചെയ്യുന്നതിൽ കൂടുതൽ ആളുകളുണ്ടെന്നുകണ്ടിട്ട് അവർക്ക് കൂടുതൽ റേഷൻ അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: When there was necessity for the increase they were allowed to report to us.

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